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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently amended) A hair treatment device comprising:
  - a hair roller including a compressible roller body,

wherein said roller body comprises a hollow core and wherein said roller body is operative to accommodate pressure

- a first notch and a second;
- a base implement including a first end and a second end wherein both said first and second ends each include a cradle for receiving said notches; and
- a support rod connecting said first end and said second end;

wherein said base implement is constructed and arranged such that said support rod is connected in a middle portion of said first and second ends.

- 2. (Original claim) The hair roller of Claim 1, wherein said roller body is made of a lightweight, heat insulating material.
- 3. (Original claim) The hair roller of Claim 1, wherein the inside of said roller body contains a supporting structure.
- 4. (Original claim) The base implement of Claim 1, wherein said first end and said second end each include a cut-out shoulder.

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5. (Original claim) The base implement of Claim 1, wherein said support rod

includes a support arm.

6. (Currently amended) A base implement comprising:

a first end and a second end, wherein both said first and second ends each include

a cradle; and,

a support rod connecting said first end and said second end, wherein said base

implement is constructed and arranged such that said support rod is connected in a middle

portion of said first and second ends,

wherein a hair roller having a compressible roller body is placed upon said base

implement.

7. (Original claim) The base implement of Claim 6, wherein said first end and said

second end each include a cut-out shoulder.

8. (Original claim) The base implement of Claim 6, wherein said support rod

includes a support arm.

9. (Currently amended) A method of changing the appearance of one's hair

comprising:

wrapping a tress of hair around a compressible roller body of a hair roller wherein

said hair roller includes a first notch and a second notch;

resting a base implement on a wearer's scalp, wherein said base implement

includes a support rod, a first end, and a second end wherein both first and second ends

each include a first and second cradle, respectively; further wherein said base implement

is constructed and arranged such that said support rod is connected in a middle portion of

said first and second ends;

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engaging said hair roller and said base implement by inserting said first and second notch into said first and second cradle, respectively;

applying solutions to the hair; and,

removing said tress of hair from said hair roller

wherein said roller body comprises a hollow core and wherein said roller

body is operative to accommodate pressure.

10. (Original claim) The method of Claim 9 wherein heat is applied to said tress of

hair.

11. (Original claim) The method of Claim 10 wherein said solutions are removed

from said hair.

12. (Previously Presented) The supporting structure of Claim 3, wherein the

supporting structure is a coil.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) The hair treatment device of Claim 1, wherein the pressure applied to the

roller body results from hair being wrapped around the roller body.

15. (New) The hair treatment device of Claim 1, wherein the pressure applied to the

roller body results from the roller body being exposed to heat generated by the

application of chemicals.

16. (New) The hair treatment device of Claim 9, wherein the pressure applied to the

roller body results from hair being wrapped around the roller body.

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17. (New) The hair treatment device of Claim 9, wherein the pressure applied to the roller body results from the roller body being exposed to heat generated by the application of chemicals.